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SUBJECT:32ND GA - UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
FOR DEVELOPMENT

REF: LANCETTI/RIEMER TELCON

CONFIRMING REF TELCON, DEPT AUTHORIZES MISSION TO MAKE THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON US OFFER TO HOST CONFERENCE:

QUOTE - MR. CHAIRMAN: THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THE PRE-
SENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION TO OUR COMMITTEE WHICH WE
EXPECT TO GAIN CONSENSUS SUPPORT. THIS RESOLUTION IS
EVIDENCE OF THE IMPORTANCE ALL MEMBER STATES GIVE TO THE
CONFERENCE. MY GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY INTENDS TO TAKE HEED
OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 WHICH URGES ALL STATES TO TAKE ALL
NECESSARY MEASURES TO MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
PREPARATORY WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

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WE SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AND WOULD ASK THAT THE UNITED
STATES BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF CO-SPONSORS.

MR. CHAIRMAN, ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1976 SECRETARY OF STATE
HENRY KISSINGER OFFERED, IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT, TO HOLD THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE

AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

IN OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE ADDRESSED TO ALL MISSIONS DATED OCTOBER 20, 1976 WE STATED THAT IF A CONSENSUS IS ACHIEVED, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST THE CONFERENCE IN THE UNITED STATES. WE REAFFIRM THIS INVITATION.

WHEREVER THE CONFERENCE IS HELD, WE SEE SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES IN BRINGING ABOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH HAVE ACCUMULATED AN INVALUABLE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN DEALING OVER THE YEARS WITH PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I ATTENDED YESTERDAY THE FORMAL SWEARING IN OF FATHER THEODORE HESBURGH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION, HE HAS THE TASK OF MOBILIZING THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS WHICH MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES EFFORT FOR THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT, THE SCIENCE COMMUNITY, LABOR, AND INDUSTRY. FATHER HESBURGH'S LEADERSHIP QUALITIES ARE WELL KNOWN AND TRUSTED.

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THE US IS MAKING THESE EFFORTS BECAUSE WE ACCEPT THE OBLIGATION FALLING TO EACH MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO BRING TO THE SERVICE OF THE CONFERENCE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE BENEFIT OF ITS NATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND CAPABILITIES. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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